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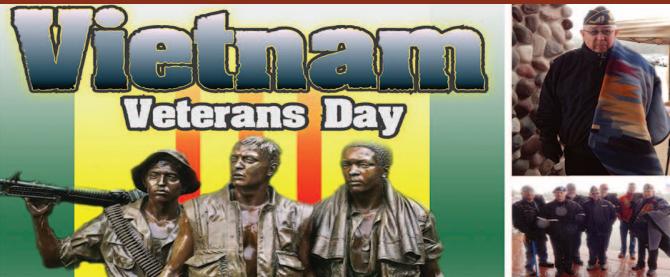
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# Groundbreaking ceremony begins new Ho-Chunk Madison Community Center

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

With a simple fling of the shovel, the process has begun to construct a new Ho-Chunk Madison Area Branch office, built not only with concrete and wood, but with the bonds of the community.

Sunny skies shown upon the attendees of the groundbreaking ceremony, held on Friday, April 10, at the new site of the center on Tradewinds Parkway, close to the intersection of Highway 51 (Stoughton Road) and Highway 18 (West Beltline) in Madison.

The facility will be home to a Tribal Aging Unit, Youth Services, medical and dental transportation, Housing Assistance, Clothing Assistance, Emergency Assistance, a computer lab and a meeting place for Area meetings.

To begin the ceremony, Marlys Whiteagle stood before the crowd to offer a prayer. Before she did so, she told how the new center will tie the present with the past.

"This is our land. These are the lands our ancestors walked. They are here throughout this area," Whiteagle said.

Talk about organizing a community center started in the early 1970s, she said. She became involved as a teenager when the Nation, then known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee, began to address housing issues, with Joanne Jones as leader.

After her blessing, District II Legislator Henning Garvin told the group that the area grounds has always been Ho-Chunk land.

"The Madison community members drove this effort," Garvin said.

Garvin said that he grew up in the Madison area and performed his undergraduate work at University of Wisconsin – Madison.

"I consider myself a Madison area Ho-Chunk member," he said. "The Madison area is immense importance."

Until now, they have always had to rent a facility for the Ho-Chunk community.

"We've always had to rent – never had a place of our own," Garvin said. "In the near future, we won't have a landlord. We'll have a place to hold meetings, have lively discussions, to play and to learn. This is a monumental event in my mind, not only



Madison area Ho-Chunk community members pick up a shovel and make the first divots in the soil to begin the process of developing their own branch office.

for the community, but Ho-Chunk Nation as a whole. This is truly a wonderful event."

Executive Director of the Administration Department Mike Rave said the new building will be home to a set of offices, Community Health, Youth Services in one location. Multiple classrooms, traditional computer workstations, multipurpose rooms, laptops and Smartboards. It will have a full-size gymnasium, storage, an exercise room and a commercial kitchen.

"This is a great stepping

stone, but our work is not done. In the future, we hope to have Splash pad, community gardens and expand daycare for employee parents.

President Jon Greendeer said that he watched as other people packed shovels for the event into the car. One person said to him that, "it's hard to get shovels into the car."

And he thought about that symbolic statement and how it is, truly, difficult to get shovels into the car.

"People see images of people digging the earth, but

not the struggles that led up to that moment," Greendeer said.

"A community should not be built by the government, but by the community," he said. It was a promise made a long time ago – that every Ho-Chunk families can call home."

Greendeer thanked the people who put their efforts toward establishing the new facility, those present and those who are not.

"A lot of people who made this possible are not here or even walking the earth," he said.



The floor plans show ample room for adult and youth activities, office space, exercise areas, storage and activity rooms.



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# Rally for Gene Cloud Jr. search hits the street

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

A pebble thrown into a pond sends ripples outwards, and affects things unseen.

So too, the disappearance of Gene Cloud Jr. has affected people far and wide – the family and friends of Gene Cloud Jr. and the people beyond them who care, too.

And so a "Walk of Hope" rally was held on Friday, March 27, in support of the recent effort being put forward to find Gene. Participants in the walk donned black T shirts with Gene Cloud Jr.'s photo on the back in hopes of raising awareness of the situation.

Originally the organizers planned to begin the walk from the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Building to the Jackson County Courthouse Building in downtown Black

River Falls. However, the permits to do so required an enormous insurance liability coverage, so plans were changed.

Instead, a vehicle caravan left the Executive Building and arrived at the corner of Jefferson Street and Water Street. Participants gathered there to begin a walk down Third Street to arrive at the Courthouse.

Jackson County Sheriff Duane Waldera addressed the crowd in front of the Sheriff's Office.

"This is definitely a tragic situation we've been handling. It's been a long event," Waldera said. "It's been three years and still we have no answers. We have some work yet to do. We know that. We want to find answers for the family and friends and the Nation. Our efforts are going

to continue."

Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer told the crowd that he, too, is concerned about the fate of Gene Cloud Jr. and that he hopes resolution is reached soon.

"It hit me how difficult it must be for a member of my family to be no longer here," Greendeer said. "You may have been like me and lost your child at Walmart or Mall of America and panicked. I can't imagine having that feeling for three years and never having any answers."

A search is being planned for 7:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18, for the area along Highway O near Millston. Rapids Search and Rescue plans to be part of that search.

Gene Cloud Jr. has been missing since January 2012. There is a \$25,000 reward for any information leading to a conclusion on his whereabouts.



Participants in the Walk of Hope travel down Third Street to the Jackson County Courthouse.



Sporting black T-shirts with Gene Cloud Jr.'s image on them, walkers gave their support to the effort of finding Cloud.



Ho-Chunk President Jon Greendeer addresses the crowd in front of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department soon after Sheriff Duane Waldera gave his support to the effort.



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# Betty Kingsley honored with retirement party

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Social work has always been Betty Kingsley's passion in life.

Having worked for the Ho-Chunk Nation in that field since 1987, she has decided that maybe a break is in order and has decided to retire.

Friday, April 10, was her last day with Ho-Chunk Social Services as Adult Prevention Specialist, celebrated with a going away party provided by the Ho-Chunk Social Services staff in Black River Falls.

At the same time, farewell sentiments were also given to Chris Estebo, Elder Protection Case Management Aid, whose last day with Social Services also was on Friday. He began working in Maintenance at the Tomah Tribal Aging Unit the following Monday, where he'll be able to walk to work.

Betty explained how she began in the social services field back in the late 1970s. She and three other people were part of a job training program in Arkansas and she was responsible for one-third of the state.

"Most of my time was spent hunting down people and following leads," she said. "It was very rewarding because I helped people gain access to programs they knew nothing about."

Higher education is something her family didn't aspire to, but her parents kept pushing her to gain more education.

"My tega kept telling me,

'Don't be like us,'" she said. After several years with that job, in 1986, she moved to Wisconsin.

"I came back working with the Ho-Chunk Nation," she said. "It was close to my heart – being able to speak Ho-Chunk with the elders. It was the little thing they wished for, which is being understood."

Betty took some time away from the Nation to pursue advanced education. When she worked on her Master's degree, it was considered a hard advanced status.

"I never doubted my major and I completed my Master's program in one year because I took many of the Master's course while I was an undergraduate."

During her practicum part of her studies, she worked for Dr. James Kloss in Independence and Whitehall and she has high praise for the man.

After receiving her degree, she returned to work for the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services.

She said it's going to be difficult to let go of her job.

"I'm going to wake up in the morning and know I don't have to come," Kingsley said. "But now when I wake up tired, I can go back to sleep."

During her retirement, she hopes to visit her daughter and her daughter's children in Arkansas.

"It's been fun – especially the teasing and laughing," she said. "Now I'm going to rest."

Adult Prevention and Protection Program Supervisor

Mary Wegman, Kingsley's director, has high praise for Betty.

"She's been a joy," Wegman said. She's so full of energy. We've had tons of laughs."

Helping people has been her main goal during her years with the Nation.

"I want to say thank you for what you've done," said District 1 Representative Greg Blackdeer.

Chris had some words of gratitude for the people he would soon leave.

"I'm going to miss working here," he said. "I started two weeks before we moved into this building. It was just Dawn and Judith Ann and me in our department. I have seen this department really grow. I've learned a lot from working here. I'll miss everyone."



Chris Estebo and Betty Kingsley proudly display the Teddy bears that were given to them at a farewell party April 10 at Ho-Chunk Social Services.



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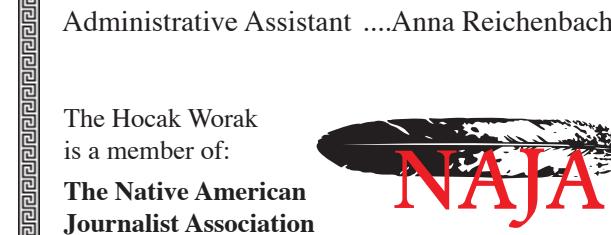
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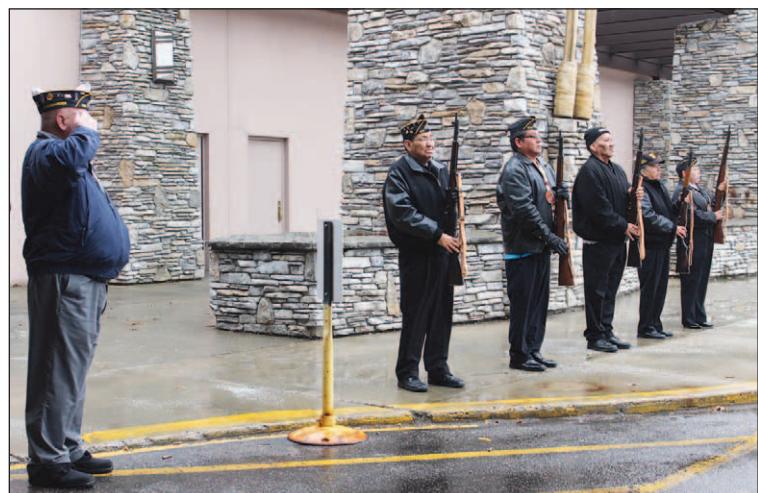
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# Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells celebrates Vietnam Veterans Day

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Editor

On Sunday, March 29, 2015, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells celebrated Vietnam Veterans Day under the cover of the hotel main entrance. It was a cold and rainy day. The Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556 and the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Security Department did the honors for the event.



The Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556 presents arms as taps is played during the Vietnam Veterans Day at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells.

Marlon WhiteEagle, of the Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556, served as the event's emcee. WhiteEagle welcomed the event attendees to the casino and the day's event. Then he read the Ho-Chunk Nation's 2010 Vietnam Veterans Day Proclamation.

On March 29, 1973, U.S. armed forces officially withdrew from combat involve-

ment in the Republic of Vietnam. 8 million Americans served during the Vietnam era. 58,195 armed service personnel died; 153,303 were wounded; 1,948 were reported as Missing in Action; and 766 were taken as Prisoners of War.

President Wilfrid Cleveland signed the proclamation on March 9, 2010. "I encourage all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities that acknowledge and express our unending gratitude and reverence to our Vietnam Veterans," said Cleveland.

WhiteEagle introduced Dr. Jeremy Rockman, the guest speaker for the event. Dr. Rockman is a founding member of 2nd Battalion/1st Marines Division – The Professionals aka the Ghost Battalion of the Vietnam conflict. 2/1 is known as the Ghost Battalion based on movements in Vietnam where they evaded a Division of North Vietnam Army under the cover of artillery fire.

Dr. Rockman started his speech by noting the day was cold and rainy. "Back in the 'Nam', when it rained, we got wet. If it was cold, we were cold. If it was hot, we were hot," he said.

Dr. Rockman shared a story about one day's events he experienced during his time in



Marlon WhiteEagle presents Dr. Jeremy Rockman with a Pendleton blanket on behalf of Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Marketing Department.

Vietnam. He explained that for those who served during Vietnam would have experienced similar days to the day he shared in story form.

"Those who were in the 'Nam', would hear my story and know that I was where they were. A shared experience. They would say he is one of us," Rockman said.

Upon conclusion of Dr. Rockman's speech, WhiteEagle presented Rockman with a Pendleton blanket with the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells logo embroidered on

the corner on behalf of the casino's Marketing Department.

Next, the Security Department did a flag raising while the Wisconsin Dells Singers sang a Ho-Chunk flag song.

The Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556 did a 21 gun salute, followed by taps.

The Wisconsin Dells Singers sang the Boye Ladd song.

All veterans were invited to share a meal at the Stand Rock Buffet and play a \$15 free play.

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Tuesday at Tomah White Tail Crossing between the  
months of April and August.

# Ho-Chunk Department of Natural Resources receives award for GIS mapping

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation was honored for its work in mapping the lands of Wisconsin.

An anonymous member of the WLIA (Wisconsin Land Information Association) nominated the Ho-Chunk Nation GIS (Geographic Information Systems) for the "Friends of Land Records Award."

The award was originally given at the Wisconsin Land Information Association Conference on Feb 18 in Green Bay. A presentation re-enactment ceremony was held on Wednesday, April 8, at Skyline Golf Course.

The award is given to an individual or organization that is not a member of WLIA, who have proven to hold important roles relating to land records by contributing to the success or advancement of land records modernization.

Ho-Chunk Nation GIS was recognized for holding updated records and accurate mapping on thousands of acres scattered throughout several counties in three states.

Accepting the award in February was April Schoolcraft, former Ho-Chunk Nation GIS Specialist who now works in a similar role for Jackson County government.

"This honorable award represents the relationships developed between the Ho-Chunk Nation and many municipal governments and state and fed-

eral agencies," Schoolcraft said.

"Those working connections are very important for many land management, fee-to-trust, and mapping issues which the Ho-Chunk Nation staff from many departments tackles almost daily. I feel that the award also reflects the Ho-Chunk Nation's support and investment in GIS, which has been evident since 1991," Schoolcraft said.

"The Ho-Chunk Nation was ahead of the game when they recognized that GIS would be a valuable land management tool for their government and members," she said. "Many staff members have worked hard over the last 24 years to build, maintain, and mold the GIS database into what it is today, and I'm glad to see it be used for so many other uses than originally intended."

Established in 1987, the Wisconsin Land Information Association (WLIA) is focused on promoting land records modernization through sound policy, cooperation, technical research and education, according to Justin Conner, Land Records Coordinator with Wood County, who presented the award to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

"The WLIA awards are a means to recognize the many individuals, local governments and organizations that have made significant contributions to the modernization of land records in Wisconsin. Specifically, the Friend of Land Records Award is given to an



Justin Conner, (left) representing the Wisconsin Land Information Association, presents the Friends of Land Records Award to Ho-Chunk Nation GIS Coordinator Adam Meinerz, Ho-Chunk Nation GIS Specialist Brannick Beatse, and former Ho-Chunk Nation GIS Specialist April Schoolcraft.

individual or organization that is not a WLIA member and has contributed to the success or advancement of land records modernization in Wisconsin," Connor said.

The Ho-Chunk Nation GIS was nominated by a WLIA member impressed with the diversity of activities and projects the GIS office is involved

in, Connor said. The nomination specifically mentions the work to centralize land records across many counties, annual census, contribution to economic development and protecting natural resources.

More information about the WLIA can be found at [www.wlia.org](http://www.wlia.org)

## Planning moves ahead for District 1 Community Center

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Community involvement is what is being sought when it comes to the design planning of the proposed District 1 Community Center.

A series of meetings in the last month have brought area government officials and community members together to talk about what is wanted and what is possible. One of those meetings was on Wednesday, April 8 at the Executive Building in Black River Falls.

Executive Director of the Administration Department Mike Rave told how the previous plans could be altered to save money, including lesser quality interior furnishings.

With the unaltered plans presented, the total cost of the Community Center is somewhere near \$22 million, which includes the building, furnishings and all the connections to the facility. The building

alone is approximately \$17 million.

Some people present questioned why the plans did not include a swimming pool.

"Adding a swimming pool on the other end of the gym is not part of this project," Rave said. "It would cost \$3 million to build it, plus the added expenses of operating it and payroll for additional staff."

Rave said the cost of a swimming pool added to the project would make funding extremely difficult and it would be a more difficult sell to legislators.

One of the community members suggested constructing the center without a swimming pool, but make a commitment to add such a facility within a few years.

The most important aspect of the proposed center is a home for Youth Services, said Area 1 Legislator Lori Pettibone.

"I hear how the people

say they want a place for the youth," Pettibone said. "They want a place for the youth that is open on weekends. The youth weren't able to voice their concerns."

One of the issues up for debate was a walking track suspended above one of the two gymnasiums – the gym used for Youth Services. People were concerned that adults using the track would be able to view the youth below. The fear is that people who should not have contact with youth would be able to come near to them. Rave offered a solution to build interior walls around the inside of the track so that no view of the gym floor would be visible.

The Youth Center area of the building would have its own entrance and would be isolated from the rest of the building, if need be, Rave said.

One of the issues of moving ahead in a timely manner was meeting a deadline for applying for a federal grant. However District 1 Legislator Susan Waukon said that the Nation was denied the grant, but there are opportunities for tax credit if the Community Center organization forms an LLC, which is a Limited Liability Corporation.

"Once we get the funding figured out, then we'll start the process to obtain an LLC," Waukon said.

Organizer Forrest Funmaker said the effort to construct a new Community Center has been talked about since the 1990s. He proposed to form three groups of which community members can volunteer to advance the planning

process. Several members volunteered to work on the groups: Architect, Communications and Budget.

The group agreed to meet every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. to develop the ideas and to get the project moving forward.

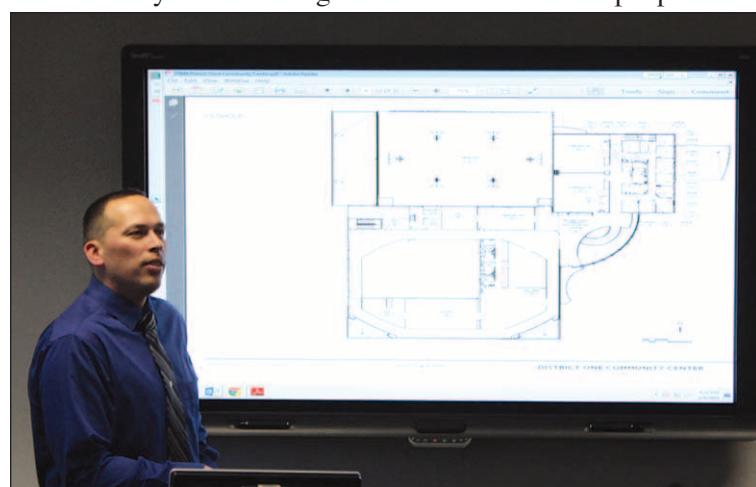
The architect will be present at the April 22 meeting and the intention is to get all input from community members and to have the ideas

solidified. On April 29, the group hopes to have the plans approved and finalized to be forwarded to the Ho-Chunk Legislature.

If anyone wishes to forward any information, they should contact either Phyllis Smoke at [Phyllis.Smoke@Ho-Chunk.Com](mailto:Phyllis.Smoke@Ho-Chunk.Com) or Jovanna WhiteEagle at [Jovanna.WhiteEagle@Ho-Chunk.com](mailto:Jovanna.WhiteEagle@Ho-Chunk.com).



Ho-Chunk legislators and employees were paid a visit by Tomah Fire Chief Tim Adler and City Administrator Roger Gorius on Tuesday, March 31, aboard the new Incident Command Center. The new truck was partially paid with a \$80,000 donation from the Ho-Chunk Nation given on April 15, 2014. Pictured are (upper photo, from left) Fire Chief Tim Adler, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Henning Garvin, City Administrator Roger Gorius, Rep. Andrea Estebo, and Rep. Lori Pettibone.



Executive Director of Administration Michael Rave provided a preliminary floorplan to the proposed community center. Organizers are hoping final input will be given at the April 22 meeting, which will be approved at the April 29 meeting.

# Candidates address Ho-Chunk Nation concerns

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Two questions were posed to each of the candidates in contested seats for Ho-Chunk Nation president and legislature. Each candidate was given the opportunity to respond, limiting their answers to 300 words.

The following are their answers.

## President

Vying for Ho-Chunk Nation President in the Tuesday, June 2, General Election are Wilfrid Cleveland and Robert TwoBears. While Cleveland responded to the questions, TwoBears declined answering at this time.

## Wilfrid Cleveland

1. The ownership of Lynwood property in Illinois has been a hotly debated issue. The Lynwood property has cost the Ho-Chunk Nation more than \$40 million to date and will continue to do so with costs associated with keeping it. To build a casino on the property would require the Illinois government to allow it. What do you propose to do with the Lynwood property? Keep spending or cut losses? Please explain.

Since the purchase of the



Wilfrid Cleveland

Lynwood Property there has been attempts made to get a license from the State of Illinois for a Casino with no success. There has been attempts from General Council Branch and the Executive Branch to sell the Property also with no success. This is a Legislative Branch issue, according to our Constitution, within the Legislative Powers, there are several places that references Legislatures responsibilities pertaining to our Lands.

The President and Executive Branch must just wait and see the direction our Legislature would like to go with this spending.

2. Are there too many District 5 legislative representatives and how do you propose they should keep in contact with their constituents?

This also is not an issue for the President to be involved with. I am quite sure within our Constitution redistricting and when that will be coming up is included. There is also a process made in how that will be done. In scenarios formed would be the time for General Council Branch to be involved with the number of Representatives that will be seated.

In our Constitution, in Legislative Powers, there is a section that allows the Legislature to set their own procedures. How they keep in contact with their Constituents is a Legislative issue and not a Presidential or Executive Branch issue.

## District 3 Legislator – Seat 1

On the ballot in the Tuesday, June 2, General Election for the District 3 Seat 1 Legislator position are Heather

Cloud and Kathy DeCamp. Answers were received from DeCamp.

## Kathy DeCamp

1. The ownership of Lynwood property in Illinois has been a hotly debated issue. The Lynwood property has cost the Ho-Chunk Nation more than \$40 million to date and will continue to do so with costs associated with keeping it. To build a casino on the property would require the Illinois government to allow it. What do you propose to do with the Lynwood property? Keep spending or cut losses? Please explain.

My understanding of the history of purchasing Lynwood property at the onset was because of Hocak historical value. Lynwood is a part of our ancestral homeland.

Lynwood has a sports complex, and residential property that has value. After further research the property is overseen by Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Business. However, the Business Department has made no realistic effort to make Lynwood a viable business. Lynwood property has earning potential. The problem is the Business department's failure to properly manage Lynwood. I believe with the appropriate management of the property, Lynwood would be an asset rather than a liability. This issue came up as a general council item that was voted on.

As with any purchase the value of the property is an asset of the tribe. Our integral purpose as tribal members and shareholders are to protect the assets of our tribe.

I propose we grow Lyn-

wood, not as a casino as I believe the Illinois government would not allow it. The residential properties could be rentals or perhaps the homes could be sold as Home Ownership to our Chicagoland tribal members.



Kathy DeCamp

2. Are there too many District 5 legislative representatives and how do you propose they should keep in contact with their constituents?

Section 4 of the HCN Constitution Redistricting or Reapportionment.

The Legislature shall have the power to redistrict or reapportion including changing, establishing, or discontinuing Districts. The Legislature shall maintain an accurate census for the purposes of redistricting or reapportionment. The Legislature shall redistrict and reapportion at least once every ten (10) years beginning in 1995 in pursuit of one-person/one-vote representation. The Legislature shall exercise this power only by submitting a final proposal to the vote of the People by Special Election which shall be binding and which shall not be reversible by the General Council. Any..... [Amendment IV adopted on May 6, 2009 which became effective

June 20, 2009 by operation of law. This section was changed to require redistricting and reapportionment once every ten(10) years.]

While we are specifically speaking to the question of are there too many representatives:

District I has 3 reps with 1,665 tribal members.

District II has three reps with 1,832 members.

District III has two reps for 1,177 members.

District IV has one rep for 537 tribal members.

In accordance with the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution the Legislature shall be composed of (13) Representative elected from five (5) districts. Four (4) Representative include:

Representative Kathleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit (July 2013 - June 2017)

Representative Matthew Mullen (July 2013 - June 2017)

Representative Robert Two Bears (July 2013 - June 2017)

Representative Forrest Whiterabbit (July 2011 - June 2015)

With all this data, I do not believe there are too many District 5 legislative representatives.

I have sent messages to four tribal members who live in District 5. Here are their answers:

From Oklahoma: "No I don't think there's too many but truthfully they don't do much for us - only if we call and need help. I hear other Legislators fight to get their members services. They need to email us. But I am not interested in thing that are going on in Wisconsin that has nothing to do with us. I want to know about goings on that affect us at large. I don't feel that Minneapolis and Chicago are at large. They live right there close to Wisconsin and can be there in a matter of hours. Perhaps there needs to be 6 areas."

From California: "I don't know who the reps are and have not contacted any nor have they made attempts to contact me".

From Oregon: "No reps have contacted me."

My suggestion for District 5 reps to stay in contact are to send e-mail blasts, text messages, and possibly use the Public Service Announcements to get info out. This day of technology information is sent instantaneously. Snail mail is appreciated for tribal members who prefer that and do not have access to the internet.

## District 1 Legislator – Seat 2

On the ballot in the Tuesday, June 2, General Election for the District 3 Seat 1 Legislator position are Douglas Greengrass and Susan Waukon. Their answers to the same questions were not returned to the Hocak Worak.

## Ho-Chunk Nation Election Results

### SPECIAL ELECTION

APRIL 7, 2015

#### OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

##### DISTRICT 4 LEGISLATOR - SEAT 1

	CHICAGO	MILWAUKEE	MADISON	DELLS	RAPIDS	LACROSSE	BLACKFOOT	WISCONSIN PAUL	TOMAH	WITTENBERG	GREEN BAY	BARABOO	ABSENTEE	TOTAL	%
SHELBY J. VISINTIN	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	31.33%	
MURIEL D. WHITEAGLE-LEE	0	29	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	38	45.78%	
WRITE-IN	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	22.89%	

#### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned election officials of the Ho-Chunk Nation, do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes shown herein for the election held on the seventh day of April, 2015 and certified on the eighth day of April 2015. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the Constitution, Election Ordinance and the Rules and Regulations of the Ho-Chunk Nation.



Chairperson: Bulatajel  
 Member: Ronelle Day  
 Member: David Waukon  
 Member: Edna Dapping  
 Member: Barbara Smith  
 Member: Beth Belen  
 Member: Martina Littlewolf-Faison

Member: Marina DeCamp  
 Member: Mynra Littlewolf  
 Member: Andy Clark  
 Member: Angela Day  
 Member: Edith Janschke  
 Member: Merri Spanish

# NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL ELECTION SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2015

**Supreme Court  
Chief Justice.**  
Filling a remaining  
vacancy to a (6)six  
year term ending  
June 2019

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters. The Ho-Chunk Nation is holding a Special Election, which will be held due to resignation of Chief Justice Mary Jo Brooks-Hunter. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation will conduct a Special Election. ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

**ARTICLE VIII-JUDICIARY, Section 10. Election of Supreme Court Justices.** Supreme Court Justices shall be elected by a majority vote of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation, in accordance with the General Election provisions of Article VIII, Section 1, unless otherwise provided. c. Qualifications of Supreme Court Justices. i. All candidates for a position on the Supreme Court shall meet the qualifications listed in Article VII, Sections 8(a) and 8(b) of the Constitution, which states: "(a) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be at least forty (40) years old, an attorney admitted to practice in any State and before the Ho-Chunk courts, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and shall possess all qualifications required by enactment of the Legislature. No person convicted of a felony shall serve as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court unless pardoned.

**NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES**  
The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Members or the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office shall submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 Filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board office before the close of the nomination period on **Friday April 10, 2015** at 4:30 p.m. ORGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTION BOARD. To be eligible for Legislative Office, candidates must comply with 8. a. iii. of the Election Code which states, "...residents have resided for at least one (1) year immediately prior to filing the petition declaring her/his candidacy...Residency is defined as the permanent physical address stated on the periodic Address Verification Forms.

**ELIGIBLE VOTERS:**  
Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. *See Election Code Sec. 11 (a) (b).*

## REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place by showing identification before receiving an Official Ballot. If a person cannot write, their name must be signed with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

## ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Challenges must be received at the Election Office prior to 4:00 P.M. on Monday April 6, 2015. Such claims or challenges may be hand-delivered, faxed or mailed to:

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board  
206 South Roosevelt Road  
P.O. Box 756  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900  
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583  
FAX NUMBER (715)284-8600  
E-MAIL: [election.board@ho-chunk.com](mailto:election.board@ho-chunk.com)

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the eligible voters list immediately after the close of the challenge period. The Election Board decision shall be final.

**ABSENTEE VOTING:**  
A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Wednesday April 20, 2015 by 4:00 P.M. *See Election Board Code, Page 26, Sec.13 (a) (i)*

Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next day air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number. Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Saturday April 25, 2015.

Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX AND UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

**POSTING ELECTION**  
The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

**RESULTS:**  
The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

## CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within Twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court. *See HCN Constitution Article VIII, Election, Sec. 7, and Election Code Sec. 18 (a)*

## ELECTIONEERING:

There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

**SPECIAL ELECTION SATURDAY, April 25, 2015**

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
Saturday March 28, 2015

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST**  
Saturday March 28, 2015

**OFFICIAL NOMINATION PETITION DEADLINE**  
Friday April 10, 2015

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:00 PM**  
Monday April 6, 2015

**LAST DAY CHALLENGE THE CANDIDATES LIST**  
Thursday April 16, 2015  
Prior to 4:30 PM

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS**  
Monday April 20, 2015  
4:00 PM

**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Saturday April 25, 2015  
8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

## POLLING PLACES:

**OPEN AT 8:00 A.M. & CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.**

**•BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI**  
HHCDA  
INDIAN MISSION  
715/299-6104

**•TOMAH, WI**  
BLUEWING COMMUNITY  
BLDG.  
320 EPINAL AVENUE  
608/377-3787

**•LA CROSSE, WI**  
LA CROSSE BRANCH OFFICE  
724 MAIN STREET  
608/783-6025

**•BARABOO, WI**  
Tribal Aging Unit  
E8863 Winneshiek Lane  
Wisconsin Dells, WI  
608/253-2185

**•WISCONSIN DELLS, WI**  
INDIAN HEIGHTS  
N957 Dyer Avenue  
715/299-6104

**•WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI**  
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM.  
BLD.  
916 CHAK-HAH-CHEE LANE  
715/299-6104

**•WITTENBERG, WI**  
TRIBAL AGING UNIT  
W17956 WITT-BIRN  
TOWNELINE ROAD  
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**•CHICAGO, IL**  
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE  
4738 NORTH MILWAUKEE  
AVENUE  
773/202-8433

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MILWAUKEE BRANCH  
OFFICE  
3501 S. HOWELL AVENUE  
414/747-8680

**•ST PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS, MN**  
MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH  
OFFICE  
1724 Selby Ave  
651/641-1801

**•MADISON, WI**  
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE  
1320 MENDOTA STREET  
608/277-9964

**•GREEN BAY, WI**  
BRANCH OFFICE  
1047 9<sup>th</sup> STREET  
920/490-2774

Posted 03/28/2015



# NOTICE AND RULES OF MAIL BALLOTING ELECTION TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011 1 HCC § 16 and the Election Code 2 HCC § 6, have conducted a Special Election, ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

**a. To be eligible for appointment or election, Committee members shall have one or more of the following qualifications:**

(1) Certified Public Accountant or Charter Financial Analyst;

(2) An associates or, preferably, a bachelor's degree in accounting, business, finance;

(3) Financial professional certification, including any of the following: Certified Financial Planner; Certified Fund Specialist; Chartered Financial Consultant; Chartered Investment Management Analyst; Chartered Market Technician; Personal Financial Specialist;

(4) At least five years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another's behalf."

**b. If interested in appointment or election to the Committee, an individual shall submit a letter of interest and a resume as appropriate:**

For appointments: to the CFT Task Force for the initial appointments made by the Legislature, and to the Committee for all subsequent appointments.

For elections: to the Election Board consistent with Election Code (2 HCC § 6).

**c. All potential Committee members shall undergo a credit check and a criminal background check prior to the appointment or election. A potential Committee member shall not be eligible for service on the Committee if the criminal background check reveals either of the following:**

(1) A felony.

(2) Any crime of dishonesty, including, but not limited to, fraud, misrepresentation, theft or deception in any form.

**d. A potential Committee member must be able to obtain a financial bond.** e. Each Committee member shall honorably protect and uphold the purpose of the Committee with integrity, diligence and foresight.

**f. All the qualification requirements listed above must be maintained throughout a Committee member's term and shall be reviewed at least annually by the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice**

Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. NOTE THAT FEDEX AND UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.

**POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:** The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

**CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:** Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

**ELECTIONEERING:** There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

**TRUST AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION DAY**

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST**

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:00 PM**

Saturday, April 25, 2015

**DAY MAIL BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED**

Friday, May 15, 2015

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT BALLOT**

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

**LAST DAY TO MAIL REPLACEMENT BALLOT**

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

**ALL BALLOTS DUE TO ELECTION BOARD OFFICE, BY TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015 AT 4:00 p.m.**

**\*The Election Board will be calling for another mail balloting election for the remaining vacant Trust and Investment Committee seat.**

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board  
206 South Roosevelt Road  
P.O. Box 756  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900  
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583  
FAX NUMBER (715)284-8600  
E-MAIL: [election.board@ho-chunk.com](mailto:election.board@ho-chunk.com)

Deadline to challenge the candidate(s) list to Election Board is **Monday, May 4, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**

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**THE FOLLOWING TERMS ARE TWO (2) YEARS WITH TWO (2) VACANCIES:**

**e. Qualifications of Trust and Investment Committee Members.**

**f. All Candidates for a position on the Trust and Investment Committee shall meet the qualifications listed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011, 1 HCC § 16, which states: "3. Committee Member Qualifications:**

**g. To the election results of the election.**

**h. The election board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period.**

**Section 11, c. ii. (i) (Deadline, Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.)**

**Balloons may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the**

**SUMMONS (First Publication)**

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**In the Interest of Minor : E.S., DOB 4/23/2009**

**A.S., DOB 8/03/2010**

**Case : JV 15-04**

**JV 15-05**

**TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): Janet Roberts**

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled juvenile protection case. This legal notice of the filed *Child/Family Protection Petition* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made.

The Court shall convene a *Plea Hearing* in accordance with Hocak Nation Children and Family Act, Para. 3.41. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the must personally appear along with the at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **2:30 pm on the 2nd day of June 2015** for the following purpose: *Child Protection Review Hearing*. Pursuant to Hocak Nation Children and Family Act, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

**NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: 'THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.'** THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

**SUMMONS (First Publication)**

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRI**



COMMITMENT, EXPERIENCE, FAIRNESS

**ELECT TODD R. MATHA**  
 (WANAŠIP)  
 AS  
 CHIEF JUSTICE  
 OF THE  
 HO-CHUNK NATION SUPREME COURT

EDUCATION:

DICKINSON COLLEGE, BACHELOR OF ARTS (1991)  
 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL (1996)

EXPERIENCE:

HCN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (1997-1999)  
 HCN TRIAL COURT, ASSOC. JUDGE (1999-2005)  
 HCN TRIAL COURT, CHIEF JUDGE (2005-2011)  
 HCN SUPREME COURT (2011-PRESENT)  
 Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe,  
 SOLICITOR GENERAL (2011-PRESENT)

TO BEGIN, I SINCERELY WISH TO THANK EVERYONE WHO VOTED IN THE RECENT GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE REGARDLESS OF YOUR CHOSEN CANDIDATE. FOR MY PART, I PLEDGE TO OBJECTIVELY AND FAIRLY RESOLVE ALL MATTERS PRESENTED ON APPEAL, AND TO OTHERWISE CONSCIENTIOUSLY FULFILL MY CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES. THE ELECTION HAS AFFORDED ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUALLY SERVE THE NATION FOR TWENTY-TWO (22) CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS AN ATTORNEY, JUDGE, OR JUSTICE. FOR THIS, I AM TRULY GRATEFUL.

THE SUBSEQUENT, INTERVENING RESIGNATION OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE HAS CREATED A CRITICAL VACANCY ON THE SUPREME COURT. I AM UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO FULFILL THIS SUPERVISORY, AGENDA-SETTING ROLE, AND NOW SEEK ELEVATION TO THIS POSITION. I WOULD DEDICATE CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT TOWARD MAKING THE SUPREME COURT MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SUPREME COURT CAN DRAMATICALLY INCREASE ACCESS TO THE COURT SYSTEM BY REVISING UNNECESSARILY RESTRICTIVE RULES.

I TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN HAVING HELPED SHAPE THE JUDICIARY AND ITS CASE LAW OVER THE PAST SIXTEEN (16) YEARS. THE NATION'S JUDICIAL BRANCH REMAINS A WELL-RESPECTED INSTITUTION WITHIN INDIAN COUNTRY, AND I FEEL PRIVILEGED TO HAVE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN FORGING AND SUSTAINING THIS REPUTATION. I HUMBLY REQUEST YOUR VOTE AT THE SCHEDULED SPECIAL ELECTION ON APRIL 25, 2015. *Pinagigi.*

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# Ho-Chunk Nation celebrates Vietnam Veterans Day

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Editor

On Friday, March 27, 2015, the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building was the site of the Vietnam Veterans Day celebration. Robert Mann,

Executive Director of Heritage Preservation, served as the Master of Ceremony. Mann gave a welcome address and introduction to the day's events.

The Little Thunder Drum

sang the welcome song as the Black Knights VRW Post 7591 brought in the colors. Little Thunder Drum also sang a Ho-Chunk flag song, and the colors were posted.

Jean Stacy gave the invocation.

Mann introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Raymond Perez. Dr. Perez is a veteran of the U.S. Army and has a doctoral degree in Educational Business Administration. Currently, Dr. Perez serves as a national advisor and advocate for Veteran Successful Reintegration Process across the nation.

Perez spoke about national veteran health issues and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder experienced during and after combat service. Dr. Perez requested the Vietnam Veterans present stand to be recognized. "Welcome home," said



Dr. Raymond Perez speaks about veteran health issues on Vietnam Veterans Day.



Robert Mann served as Master of Ceremony as the Ho-Chunk Nation recognized Vietnam Veterans.

Perez.

David Radtke, Vice-President of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee, read the names of living and deceased Ho-Chunk Nation Vietnam Veterans.

Jackson County Veterans Service Officer Randy Bjerke played taps.

The Little Thunder Drum sang each of the Ho-Chunk Nation Service Songs as veterans danced.

The Little Thunder Drum sang the closing song as the Black Knights VRW Post 7591 retreated the colors.

Lunch and a Vietnam Veterans Day cake was served by the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129. Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veterans Affairs gave veterans Vietnam Veterans Day t-shirts to remember the day.

## Law students help draft wills for Ho-Chunk members



Students from Columbia Law School, supervised by attorneys from Wisconsin Judicare, visited the Ho-Chunk Nation to provide estate planning services to tribal members on March 20 as part of the Wisconsin Indian Wills Caravan. The students drafted wills and other documents for 25 members on their visit. Involved in the event are (front row, from left) Frank Xu, Vicken Antounian, Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer, Sara Hung, Elaine Liu, attorney Julianne Lennon, (back row) attorney David Armstrong, Christopher Helwig, Michael Coburn, Rami Totari, Zal Shroff, Dhrumit Joshi, and Jacob Grubman.



Vietnam Veterans Day celebration cake.

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**Financial Skills for Families**

**April 30, 2015 Thursday Evening**

**6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**

**Indian Heights Community Bldg.**

**Wisconsin Dells, WI**

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# Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wittenberg 50th Anniversary Vietnam Veteran's Day Flag Raising Ceremony

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa-PR

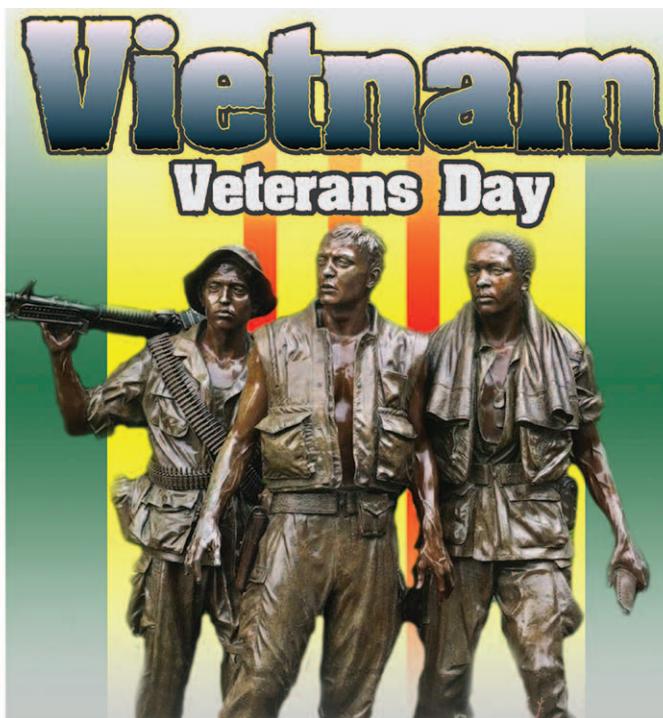
In honor of our Vietnam Veterans, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg held a Flag raising ceremony on Sunday, March 29, 2015. It was cold and windy but many still attended the meaningful event. Keynote Speaker and combat Veteran Paul Cloud noted, "it's days like this that remind me of my time in Vietnam and the monsoons we endeared."

Ho-Chunk Nation President, Jon Greendeer was honored to be the Master of Ceremonies and opened with a greeting to all those present. Greendeer said, "Many of our soldiers did not come back and they died with honor. I would like to thank all men and women of all branches of service for their sacrifices. I never mistake a soldier's silence of what they did or didn't do. Their presence is a blessing."

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg was honored to have Ho-Chunk Veterans Sid Whitewing, Logan Ostenson and Anthony Gauthier raise the MIA Flag, the US Flag and the Ho-Chunk flag as the Lake Delton Singers Drum Group rendered the traditional Hocak Flag Song. Assisting with flags were Veterans Brian Block, Michael Montgomery and Gary Snowadzki; all who have served or are currently serving in the United States military.

Also present was the Birnmanwood Darling-Gunderson American Legion Post 341 who brought in their color guard and took care of gun detail.

Paul Cloud, Ho-Chunk elder and Vietnam combat veteran addressed the crowd and told his story. He said, "I was a grunt and carried my own squad. We went through a lot. Today we have a lot of Vietnam veterans leaving us.



Always recognize your fallen warriors, the ones still alive and always greet them because you never know when they will be gone."

In closing, Veterans from all Branches of the Armed Services made this event possible. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg is proud to honor

these veterans for the sacrifices they made.

## Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa sponsors meal at The Neighborhood Table

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa-PR

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa sponsored a meal at The Neighborhood Table on Thursday, March 19, 2015. Nineteen employees from Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa volunteered to help serve and prepare the meal.

The Neighborhood Table has served more than 200,000 meals since its inception in 2003. It is a nonprofit organization which is comprised of volunteers who provide free meals to anyone in need. There are more than 100 community groups that sponsor meals each year. Meals

are served on Tuesdays and Thursdays at The United Methodist Church in Wisconsin Rapids. The Neighborhood Table typically served 375 meals on Thursdays and they also have a carryout service available. Bonnie Lewis, Meal Coordinator states, "Our mission at The Neighborhood Table is to reduce hunger in our community, improve quality of life for our residents and create an awareness of needs in our community. More than 1,500 volunteers help us during the year. We share not only a meal, but also an atmosphere of hospitality and mutual respect."

Barbara Kelley, Marketing Director at Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa would like to say, "On behalf of Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Marketing department I would like to thank the Neighborhood Table staff and crew who helped us organize our sponsored dinner event on April 19, 2015. The experience was a delight and gives a real sense of pride in being able to help those in need. I am very proud and thankful of my staff and other members of the casino who took the time out of their daily lives to be a part of this experience and I look forward to sponsoring another event in the future."



L to R - Front Row: Mary Schill/HCGN Graphic Designer, Barbara Kelley/HCGN Marketing Director, Lynette LeGarde/HCGN PR. Back Row: Keith Hetzel/HCGN Training Director, George Merritt/HCGN Table Games Pit Supervisor.

(Photo Contributed by: Missy Redcloud)

## Ho-Chunk Hospitality trains first class on Managerial Enhancement

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Editor

On Wednesday, April 8, 2015, Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Training and Development Department recognized and celebrated the hotel management's completion of Managerial Enhancement Training. The six month long pilot program covered guest service standards, professionalism, and supervisory skills.

The Ho-Chunk Hotel managers and supervisors who completed the Managerial Enhancement Training are: Transportation Manager Elliot Funmaker, Transportation Supervisors Frank Green and Richard King, Front Desk Manager Lisa Nichols, Front Desk Supervisors Calldale Hindsley, and Marcia Day, Housekeeping Supervisors John Rave, Gina Leonard, John Dahle, and Sabrina

Decorah, Laundry Supervisor Virginia Zblewski, Executive Hotel Manager Calvin Whiteagle, Group Sales Manager Renea Perez, and Assistant Hotel Manager Sheridan Cloud.

Transportation Supervisor Sommer Wainwright, Executive Housekeeping Manager Garland Decorah, and Front Desk Supervisor Mona Funmaker have several training sessions to complete before full completion of the training.

For successful completion of the Managerial Enhancement Training, each supervisor and manager received a portfolio, certificate, and a jacket.

Executive Manager of Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells James Webster said 10 of the 17 managers and supervisors are Ho-Chunk tribal members.



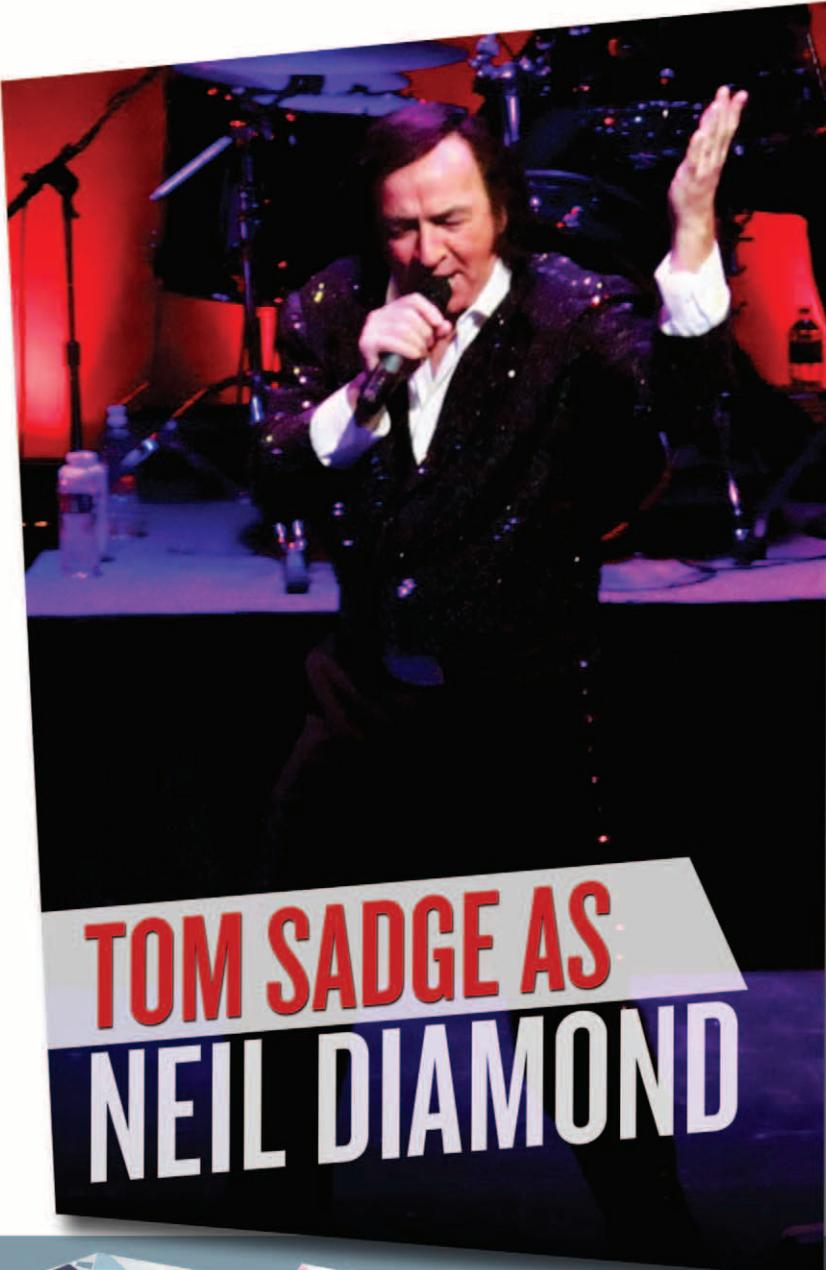
Hotel Hospitality Recognition and Awards Celebration held on April 8, 2015 with Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Executive Manager and Training & Development staff, members of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, and Ho-Chunk Hotel managers and supervisors to celebrate completion of Managerial Enhancement Training

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## HHCDA Announces New Program: METRO RENT SUBSIDY PILOT

As a pilot program, the Metro Rent Subsidy Pilot provides ongoing rental assistance to eligible low-income Ho-Chunk Nation and other Native American households in the following Twin Cities Metro Area counties. Preference will be given to Ho-Chunk Nation members.

- o MN counties of Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Washington, and Wright.
- o WI county of Pierce.

Also, preference is provided to veterans, elders, households with children, persons with disabilities, homeless households, and very-low- and extremely low-income households.

To be eligible for the program an applicant must have an annual income equal to or less than the following (broken down by household size, with incomes over \$78,000 not eligible):

- o One person--\$46,100
- o Two persons--\$52,650
- o Three persons--\$59,250
- o Four persons--\$65,800
- o Five persons--\$71,100
- o Six persons—76,350

(Some smaller, higher-income households that fit these income limits are not eligible for the program. See chart.)

The program is structured very much like a HUD Section 8 housing-voucher program, with subsidies comparable to those provided by Minneapolis Housing Authority.

Monthly subsidy is calculated by taking annual household income, dividing this by 12 months, and subtracting the result from the monthly Metro Area Fair Market Rent (or the actual rent, if it is lower) for an apartment that is the proper size for that household. The subsidy is capped at \$1,200 per month. Following are these calculated amounts:

Maximum Monthly Metro Rent Subsidy Amounts*							
	Bedroom Size						
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
97% of Fair Market Rent	\$590	\$733	\$918	\$1,292	\$1,526	\$1,755	\$1,984
Annual Income	Maximum Subsidy Amount						
\$0 to \$3,000	\$515	\$658	\$843	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
\$3,001 to \$6,000	\$477	\$620	\$805	\$1,179	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
\$6,001 to \$9,000	\$402	\$545	\$730	\$1,104	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
\$9,001 to \$12,000	\$327	\$470	\$655	\$1,029	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
\$12,001 to \$15,000	\$252	\$395	\$580	\$954	\$1,188	\$1,200	\$1,200
\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$177	\$320	\$505	\$879	\$1,113	\$1,200	\$1,200
\$18,001 to \$21,000	\$102	\$245	\$430	\$804	\$1,038	\$1,200	\$1,200
\$21,001 to \$24,000	\$27	\$170	\$355	\$729	\$963	\$1,192	\$1,200
\$24,001 to \$27,000	\$0	\$95	\$280	\$654	\$888	\$1,117	\$1,200
\$27,001 to \$30,000	\$0	\$20	\$205	\$579	\$813	\$1,042	\$1,200
\$30,001 to \$33,000	\$0	\$0	\$130	\$504	\$738	\$967	\$1,196
\$33,001 to \$36,000	\$0	\$0	\$55	\$429	\$663	\$892	\$1,121
\$36,001 to \$39,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$354	\$588	\$817	\$1,046
\$39,001 to \$42,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$279	\$513	\$742	\$971
\$42,001 to \$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$204	\$438	\$667	\$896
\$45,001 to \$48,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$129	\$363	\$592	\$821
\$48,001 to \$51,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54	\$288	\$517	\$746
\$51,001 to \$54,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$213	\$442	\$671
\$54,001 to \$57,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$138	\$367	\$596
\$57,001 to \$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$63	\$292	\$521
\$60,001 to \$63,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$217	\$446
\$63,001 to \$66,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$142	\$371
\$66,001 to \$69,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67	\$296
\$69,001 to \$72,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$221
\$72,001 to \$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$146
\$75,001 to \$78,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$71

\*The shaded area only applies to non-Ho-Chunk households.

- HHCDA will be taking applications for initial recipients of rent subsidy beginning on Friday, April 10, 2015, and will accept initial applications through 11:30 am, Friday, May 7. (Applications will be accepted after this, but these will go on a waiting list for future program openings.)

To receive an application for the pilot program, contact:

Tenant Services Department  
Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency  
P.O. Box 730  
Tomah, WI 54660  
Tel. (608) 374-1245 or  
1-800-236-2260

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**Stay tuned for more Information!**

Contact Information: Wilfrid Cleveland, Family Services Program, Community Supportive Services Division of the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services

## Homebuyer Education



Chakh-Hah-Chee Community Building  
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Saturday, May 16, 2015  
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❖ Homebuyer Education can reduce the stress & confusion of buying a home.

❖ It is a great place to start if you're considering buying a home & not quite ready.

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**CONTACT:**  
Winona Mann, HHCDA Homebuyer Education Specialist  
(608) 374-1245



HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
**Child Care Assistance Program**  
PO Box 40, 808 Red Iron Road, Black River Falls

## PROGRAM NOTICE

**2015 CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ALL TRIBAL MEMBER CHILDREN**

**CURRENTLY FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRICT 3,4 & 5 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN THAT ARE ENROLLED OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING ENROLLED.**

**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ALL OTHER AREAS AND WILL BE PUT ON A WAITING LIST UNTIL FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE.**

**ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO EVERYONE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE**

**FOR QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:**  
CYNTHIA DE FLORIAN  
715-284-2622 EXT. 5148  
[CYNTHIA.DEFLORIAN@HO-CHUNK.COM](mailto:CYNTHIA.DEFLORIAN@HO-CHUNK.COM)



**HO-CHUNK NATION  
DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**VETERANS 2015 BENEFITS FAIR**

May 13, 2015

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building—Atrium  
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RAFFLES

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Resource Teams: VA Medical Center  
Readjustment Counseling Service  
WDVA Team

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**HO-CHUNK NATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING**

**Spring Clean-Up Terms**

The Department of Housing, in coordination with HHCDA will conduct a Spring Clean-Up. The calendar shows the scheduled pick-up dates for each area.

**\*\*Return trips to an address or for an unscheduled stop will require a \$50.00 fee to be paid prior to the pick-up.\*\***

- A. Place all items at the beginning of the driveway, road or curbside. Housing staff will not drive onto the property or go into the backyard or enter the house, garage, or shed to pick-up items.
1. **Allowable:** appliances including; microwaves, freezers, refrigerators, ranges, washers and dryers, furniture, computers, TV's, air conditioners, tires (limited 10), batteries, lawn mowers, grills, bicycles, mattresses and other bulk items.
2. **Not allowable:** trash, garbage, lawn clippings, tree branches, oil or other automotive fluids, roof shingles, or items that pose a hazard such as chemicals, paint, fuel, aerosol containers, etc...

**Important:** Please complete the Request for Pick-Up form and fax to (608) 374-1233 Attn: Michelle Winneshiek or Aryka Mrotek. Or return to the Housing Department five days prior to your area's scheduled pick-up date. If you have any questions/concerns please call (608) 374-1225.

Thank You Very Much,  
Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing

P.O. Box 170, Tomah, WI 54660  
Office (608) 374-1225 / Fax (608) 374-1233



**May 2015  
Spring Clean-Up**

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
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4 Reedsburg	5 Baraboo	6 Dells	7 Lyndon Station Timber Run	8 Mauston Wak sik ma
11 Augusta Osseo/Fairchild	12 Tomah Rural	13 Tomah Rural	14 Wisconsin Rapids/Nekoosa	15 Wisconsin Rapids/Nekoosa
18 Hatfield Hixton/Merrillan	19 Neillsville/Dells Dam	20 Brockway Maplewood	21 Komensky Indian Mission	22 Millston
25 Memorial Day	26 Sparta/Cataract	27 La Crosse	28 La Crosse	29 Wittenberg

notes

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*Heartfelt Appreciation from  
Crystal Young & Susie Sayers  
& families*

*To Winona Mann and all her family members who helped care for our "moms". Special thanks to our pallbearers, fire keepers and graveside workers. We want to express thanks to each and every one who called, shared your thoughts, prayers, memories, guidance, donations (food & monetary), and for sharing your time with us unselfishly at our time of need. We were blessed to have them as our moms, and each of you for support. Pinagigi!!*

**HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE**  
P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615 (715) 284-5877

**NOTICE OF VACANCY**

The Ho-Chunk Nation TERO Commission is seeking applicants to fill two (2) Vacancies.

**Duties:**

Carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, in accordance with the policy of Indian Preference in employment and in contracting, as established by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. The Commission shall be free from interference from any branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation government in carrying out their duties under this Ordinance.

Adopt, amend, or rescind rules and regulations and to develop and implement policies and guidelines necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

Adopt bylaws and internal rules to govern the activities and procedures of the Commission.

Serve in an advisory capacity to the TERO and meet the program staff for the purpose of securing information relative to its advisory duties.

**Qualifications:**

- Enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation
- Knowledge and familiarity with the TERO Ordinance
- Knowledge and understanding of employment issues
- Business experience, Board experience and flexible scheduling are beneficial.

**Application Deadline: April 17, 2015**

Interested applicants may obtain a TERO Commissioner Application from the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor. Return the application along with your resume, a copy of your Tribal I.D. and Valid Driver's License and Proof of Insurance to the Tero Department no later than 4:00 PM on April 17, 2015. The application may be dropped off in person or mailed to:

**Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor  
ATTN: TERO DIRECTOR  
PO BOX 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615**

Department of Labor, Division of Safety  
Fireworks Sales

**ATTENTION:  
Firework Sellers**

Starting Tuesday April 20, 2015 until Friday June 19, 2015 Fireworks Application packets will be available at the Division of Safety office in Black River Falls.

Those tribally-affiliated Charitable Organizations who have not yet obtained charitable organization status for the purpose of selling fireworks on HCN tribal lands must submit a copy of the Organization's Articles of Incorporation, Board Membership and Bylaws, and complete a Waiver of Liability Form.

No permits for the sale of fireworks will be issued until the Charitable Organization's documents are placed on file with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Send documents to:

**Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor  
Division of Occupational Safety and Health  
W9814 Airport Rd., PO Box 677  
Black River Falls, WI 54615**

Documents can also be fax to fax no.  
(715) 284-1520.

For additional information please contact the Division of Safety at 715-284-5877.

# Ho-Chunk Nation donates \$150,000 for Hatfield Fire and Rescue

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Thanks to a donation of \$150,000 from the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Hatfield Fire and Rescue will be able to go ahead with plans to construct a new building.

The check was presented from Ho-Chunk Nation representatives to Hatfield Fire and Rescue personnel on Friday, March 27.

The total projected cost to complete the new building has been set at \$280,000.

"This is a unique fire department," said Hatfield Fire Chief Gary Nordin. "It is not



The Hatfield Fire Department displayed their appreciation for the gift on the outdoor message sign.

governed by townships or other government. We are by ourselves. We receive good community support."

Plans are to dismantle the present firehouse in May and construct the new building during the months of June, July and August.

"Hopefully, we'll be moved into the new building in September," Nordin said.

The new building will have enough space for trucks and equipment, plus a meeting room and an office.

"We plan to have pre-formed concrete walls that will give it an F1 tornado rating. Since there are many campers present in summer, they presently have nowhere to go during a tornado emergency. This building will provide them a shelter during severe weather, he said.

"It will be built well," Nordin said. "It should last for some time."

All the volunteer firefighters and EMS are truly volunteers. None of them receive a single penny for their efforts, Nordin said.

The department averages two fire calls each month and the first responders are called to between four and 10 calls each month. Also, many times they are called to assist with mutual aid for Jackson County and Black River Falls.

The present building was constructed in the mid-1970s and is now quite cramped. To hold their regular meetings, the trucks need to be driven out of the building to provide adequate space for the 25 members of the department.

"'A Small Community with a Big Goal' was our theme when we initiated the building fund four years ago," Nordin said. "Our department has been in existence for 40 years with two of the original members still active in our fundraisers, Doug Dvorak and Rodger 'Red' Staffon. On any given weekend, you can see four different state license plates in our area.

"Hatfield itself is a magnet to tourists and weekend retreats with our scenic beauty and array of outdoor opportunities. Thus the need for our



Proudly displaying the check from the Ho-Chunk Nation are (front, from left) Barb Ehlen, Lucy Bue, Gary Nordin, Don Subke, (back row) District 1 Legislator Greg Blackdeer, Red Staffon, Al Bearder, Gene Johnson, Curt Kaufman, District 1 Legislator Lori Pettibone, District 1 Legislator Susan Waukon, and Doug Dvorak.

department - a unique one, by the way," Nordin said. "Without the support of the entire community, we would not be in existence today."

Nordin said the money donated by the Ho-Chunk Nation is very much appreciated and is an important part of

their goal.

"The donated money is important because the Hatfield Fire and Rescue department couldn't go out and borrow the money to begin construction," Nordin said. "With this money, we can go ahead with our plans."

## Ho-Chunk Nation makes donation to the BRF Public Library

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation recently donated \$15,252 to the Black River Falls Public Library.

A check was given to Library Director Tammy Peasley on Friday, March 27.

"On behalf of the Black River Falls Public Library Board and staff, I would like to thank the Ho-Chunk Nation for their generous contribution," Peasley said. "This donation will allow us to replace History Room equipment that is 20 years old with updated technology. It also provides funding to host an award winning author this fall as part of a county-wide read initiative. We are very appreciative of the support from the Ho-Chunk Nation that will enable us to provide up-to-date library services to our community."

The money will be used to purchase equipment and films for the Jackson County History Room and financial support for an upcoming library program, according to Peasley.

A new microfilm scanner will be used in the History Room for viewing the large collection of microfilms. In addition, 43 microfilm rolls of the Banner Journal and The Jackson County Chronicle will be purchased from the Wisconsin Historical Society. With this purchase, the collection of the papers will be current through 2014.

The library averages four to five scans of newspapers each day, Peasley said.

The History Room's collection includes more than 445 rolls of film, which includes the contents of newspaper, and land, church, probate and census records, said History Room Director Mary Woods.

The scanner will have the ability to send specific articles and records to patrons by electronic means to email accounts, Peasley said.

Some of the donation also will be used to allow nationally-known author William Kent Krueger to visit the community and provide readings and interaction with the public. Krueger has written a number of books that have put his novels on the New York Times Best Seller List. Many of his novels are situated in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin and involve the Native people of the Midwest, including the Ojibwe, Lakota and Ho-Chunk.

Krueger donates the money he receives from his presentations to Native American charities.

Krueger's, Ordinary Grace, published in 2013, received the Edgar Award, given by the



Holding the check donated to the Black River Falls Public Library are (from left) History Room Director Mary Woods, District 1 Legislator Susan Waukon, Library Director Tammy Peasley, District 1 Legislator Lori Pettibone, and District 1 Legislator Greg Blackdeer.

Mystery Writers of America in recognition for the best novel published in that year. His last five novels were all New York Times bestsellers. Peasley has suggested conducting a community-wide

read of "Ordinary Grace," so that discussion of the book can be done at the time of his visit.

Krueger's public presentation is set for September 17.

## Ho-Chunk Nation Donates \$177,900 to the School District of Wisconsin Dells

Submitted by Director of Pupil Services Dawn Sine

On April 7, 2015 the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislation approved a proposal from the Wisconsin Dells Title VII Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Wisconsin Dells School District Administration to pay for the cost of three after school activity bus routes for the 2015-2016 School year. The activity routes will be available to any Middle School (MS) and High School (HS) student (grades 6-12) who is participating

in any school sponsored after school activity (i.e. after school tutoring, athletics, clubs etc.). The cost of purchasing 374 Chrome books, which enables the District to achieve a 1:1 computing access for all students in grades 2-5 was also approved.

The Title VII PAC has worked closely with District Administration over the past two school years to address diversity issues and achievement gap issues within the School District of Wisconsin Dells. These proposals were the result of the two groups

working closely to address student needs. Research has shown that students who are able to participate in extracurricular activities perform better academically and are more engaged in their education. Currently only 33% of Middle School students, and 51% of HS students participate in afterschool activities offered by the school. In the fall of 2014 cumulative grade point averages (GPA's) for students who were actively engaged in a high school activities/athletics within the WDSD was 3.251 as compared to the

overall student body GPA of 2.830. The after school activity routes will allow a greater percentage of students to participate in after school activities such as (tutoring, clubs, and sports).

The SDWD has committed to the integration of technology into every elementary classroom to create personalized learning environments (PLE's) as they are instrumental in providing greater developmentally appropriate lessons on an individual student basis. Current funding issues, have not allowed the

district to have 1:1 computer to student ratio. The funds provided will establish a 1:1 ratio and allow continued development of PLE's for students in grades 2-5.

The School District of Wisconsin Dells is honored to receive these funds and is proud to partner with the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Title VII PAC to carry out these projects. Title VII PAC Elected Committee members are as follow: Chair-Cheryl Funmaker, Co-Chair-Barb Funmaker, Secretary-Tina Awonohopay.